

PATENT APPLICATION
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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application and for the allowance of all claims except for claims 7 and 21.

The Applicant wishes to discuss in detail some of the limitations in claims 7 and 21, because it is believed that these claims are now allowable as currently presented.

First of all, the Examiner has rejected claim 21 for being indefinite. The Examiner expresses uncertainty as to whether the claim includes the game call as a claimed element.

Claim 21 does not positively claim a game call as part of the invention. The claim does claim a plurality of non-elastic members and further limits those non-elastic members to non-elastic members which are configured to grasp the top rim of a game call. By further limiting the non-elastic members to those which are configured to grasp the top rim of a game call, the Applicant is avoiding any prior art that might exist with non-elastic members, but which are NOT configured to grasp the rim. The Applicant is NOT claiming the game call or the rim -- merely limiting the non-elastic members to those non-elastic members which are configured to grasp the rim of a game call. No ambiguity arises from this claim language. Consequently, it is improper for the Examiner to disregard the limitation to the non-elastic members which are configured to grasp the top rim. Each and every limitation of the claim must be considered.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the rejection as being indefinite.

The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under the Waltz reference.

Claim 7, as amended, now includes a limitation to the following:

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"manipulating said plurality of rim gripping members (in response to a force from a source other than contact between said game call and said plurality of rim gripping members) so as to cause..".

The linear opposing biasing members 65 in Waltz do not exert forces from a source other than contact between said game call and said plurality of rim gripping members.

The Applicant believes that claim 7, as amended, is now allowable.

Claim 21 includes a limitation to an adjusting "mechanism." The language cited by the Examiner in Musacchia does not even suggest the desirability of varying a separation distance BETWEEN ENDS of said plurality of NON-ELASTIC members, and it clearly does not teach a MECHANISM to accomplish this. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claim 21.

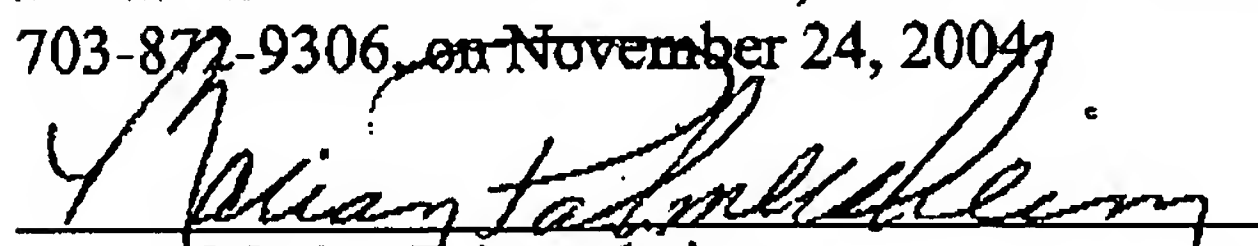
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